



## Special Education Advisory Committee

### February 3, 2021 SEAC Meeting PTA/PTO Talking Points

**Livestream Recording:** <https://vimeo.com/508062662> (Presentation and Business Meeting)

**Materials Link:** [http://loudounseac.org/wiki/February\\_3,\\_2021](http://loudounseac.org/wiki/February_3,_2021)

**Presentation:** Hidden Disabilities and Executive Functioning

**Presented By:** Dr. Madhu Boland, MindWell Psychology, Chantilly, Virginia

### Next SEAC Meeting March 3, 2021

**Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.**

Transition Planning for College Bound Students

**Presented By:** Hannah Serota, CEO, M.Ed., CEP, Creative College Connections, Leesburg, Virginia

**Business Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.**

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Reports and Updates.

Chair, Sharon Tropf

Current Issues.

- School Board Chair, Brenda Sheridan attended the SEAC meeting to share her personal apology to the special education community for the incident that occurred during public comment at the January 26, 2021 meeting. The SEAC Chair and Chair Sheridan had a productive conversation about the incident and both are confident with the solid action plan created to rectify the situation. Chair Sheridan wants SEAC to take part in the revision of Policy 2520, Participation By the Public and she would like to be an active party in the revisions.
- SEAC Bylaws are ready for the membership to vote on the revisions. The proposed changes have been presented to the membership and the SEAC Chair requested guidance from Dr. Nelson on the process for the revisions to be presented to Mr. DeVita, School Board Counsel. The Bylaws Revisions address: membership requirements, virtual meetings, nominating committee.

- Nominating Committee has been formed. Heidi Bunkua and Shehnaz Khan will co-chair. They will be reaching out to the membership for Executive Committee positions for the election in April. Please consider taking on a position.

B. Membership.

- PTA/PTO Representatives. Currently have 27 representatives.
- Membership. One new application has been received and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

C. B. Executive Committee. Next meeting February 15, 2021 @ 6:30. Open to the public.

D. Subcommittees have been provided with meeting information and procedures.

- Three functioning committees.
- Policy and Compliance Subcommittee will be meeting January 13, 21 and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Review LCPS IEE procedures
  - Review Set-Aside Funds
  - Policy 2520, Participation By the Public
- Specialized Programs and Services
  - Specialized Reading Assessments
  - Transition Services
- Executive Functioning and Social-Emotional Learning
  - Will review the annual report and current climate.

D. Parent Resource Services.

- Trainings this school year are a mix of livestream and pre-recorded. These workshops include Transition Services Workshop, Mental Health Series, Assistive Technology, Specialized Reading.
- **Becoming an Effective Communication Partner for Students Learning Language Using AAC**, Virtual Presentation, Thursday, Feb 25, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Family Partnerships with Social Emotional Learning**, Virtual Workshop, Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Subscribe to their Newsletter on their webpage – Keep in Touch  
<https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices>

E. School Board Liaison, Beth Barts

Students are returning to school in two phases.

- February 16 includes Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, MATA and AET/AOS seniors, English Learners (Level 1-1.9), students with disabilities in self-contained programs who receive their instruction through the Aligned Standards of Learning, Pre-K through age 22.
- March 3 middle and high school students for those who selected the hybrid learning model.

- February 26 is an asynchronous day to allow secondary teachers to prepare for student return to in person learning.

F. Department of Pupil Services and the Office of Special Education.

Dr. Nelson, Director of Special Education.

- Addressed the concerns brought forth by the public for compensatory services. There is a plan to offer remedial services and credit recovery. Summer services will be offered both in Distance and Hybrid Learning.
- Extended School Year service program dates are June 28 to July 29.
- The Office of Special Education has reviewed the Balanced Literacy Instruction and continues to investigate meeting the needs all students through a blended approach of the Specialized Reading Practices.
- Set Aside Funding was reviewed for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SY.
- John Lody, Director of Diagnostic and Preventative Services reviewed the Child Find process.
- Dr. Clark Bowers, Director of the Office of Student Services reviewed proposed changes to Policy 8155, School Assignment. He reviewed the special permission request and appeals process for special education students.

Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services.

- Budget highlights include a focus on the whole child. This includes expanded summer programming, a plan to strengthen instructional and behavioral supports and COVID Recovery Services.
- Student health services staff have received vaccines in phase 1A and teachers are receiving vaccines though phase 1B as determined by the governor.

G. New Business

Review of Policy 8155, School Assignment:

Before voting on the recommendations presented by the SEAC Policy and Compliance Committee, there was discussion of the new changes to the policy presented by Dr. Bowers.

The Policy committee shared two primary concerns:

1. The policy has restrictions that specifically single out and limit special education students from being able to use special permission. No other groups of students are singled out in the policy and treated differently.
2. Reallocating staffing to meet student needs is not an undue burden.
  - Recommendation from the Policy Committee: Remove language from the policy 8155 that singles out and places separate restrictions on special education students.
  - The motion passed with 10 yes and two abstentions.
  - Recommendations will be presented to the Pupil Services Committee and be presented to the School Board at the February 23, 2021 meeting.